

THE COMMONWEALTH.

KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

IN SENATE.

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 1856.

Prayer by the Rev. John N. Norton, of the Episcopal Church.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT.

The SPEAKER laid before the Senate the Report of the President of the Board of Internal Improvement: 150 copies ordered to be printed.

REMONSTRANCE.

Mr. DeCURCY presented a remonstrance from citizens of Nelson county, against the division of said county for the purpose of new counties; referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. BULLOCK, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill from the House to amend the charter of the Covington Life, Fire and Marine Company; passed.

Also a bill from the House to provide for a police system for a part of Kentucky; recommended.

Mr. BULLOCK moved to discharge the committee from the further consideration of a petition of the Grand Jury of Muhlenburg county, praying that jurisdiction of fines under \$10 may be restored to Circuit Courts; committee discharged.

Mr. BULLOCK further reported from the same committee a bill to incorporate the Paducah and Blueville Turnpike Road Company; passed.

Also a bill to establish the Ashland Cemetery Company; passed.

Also a bill to incorporate the Providence Mining, Manufacturing and Shipping Company; amendments thereto from the House with a recommendation that they be engrossed in. Amended measures concurred in.

Also a bill to incorporate the Neptune Fire Company in Ashland; passed.

Mr. MARTIN, from the same committee, reported a bill to amend an additional voting franchise in Campbell county; passed.

Mr. SILVERTOOTH, from the same committee, reported a bill from the House, regarding all lands to be leased at a certain price in which they lie.

A discussion ensued in which Mr. WOODSON suggested that the proposed law would be very difficult of execution, and would have hard upon persons owning lands in many different counties. Mr. WRIGHT suggested that the law was a law that covered the case now in force, and Messrs. SILVERTOOTH and MATTHEWSON advocated the bill. It was then ordered to a third reading, but the Senate refused to discuss with said reading; passed into the order of the day.

Mr. BUCKNER, from the same committee, reported a bill from the House to authorize the Louisville and Paducah Rail Road Company to sell their bonds for certain purposes; passed.

Also a bill from the House to amend chapter 34 of Revised Statutes, title "Gambling"; passed.

[The bill provides that any person who shall gamble in the house, &c., of another without his permission, shall be liable to a fine from \$25 to \$100, and be liable to the owner for any damages he may suffer in consequence thereof; that any person who engages in gambling for a livelihood shall be deemed a common gambler, who shall be liable to a fine of \$100 to \$500.]

Also a bill from the House to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure of Bowling Green; passed.

Also a bill to incorporate the Buena Vista Springs Company; passed.

Mr. SILVERTOOTH, from the same committee, reported a bill from the House to amend the law regarding the sale of land; passed.

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Mr. WADSWORTH said he wouldn't vote for the bill unless the grammar of it was corrected. He asked more to refer it, for correction, to the committee on Education.

Mr. HARDIN spoke in opposition to the bill; and then, without coming to a vote upon it, The Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 1856.

Prayer by the Rev. J. M. Lancaster, of the Catholic Church.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing that they had passed bills which originated in the House, of the following titles, viz: An act repealing an act incorporating the town of Barboursville, with an amendment.

An act for the benefit of Mrs. Margaret Leaver. An act to change the time of holding the January term of the Fleming County Court.

That they had passed bills which originated in the Senate, of the following titles, viz: An act authorizing the sale of certain streets in Simpsonville.

An act to amend an act to establish a sinking fund for Bourbon county, and to provide for the appointment of Commissioners thereof.

An act authorizing the County Court of Shelby to sell the poor house and grounds of said county.

An act to authorize the County Court of Logan to sell or otherwise dispose of the old clerk's office.

An act to provide for the extension of the area of the Penitentiary, and to build a new cell-house and hospital.

Resolution in relation to the removal of the remains of ex-Governor Thomas Metcalf, dec'd, to the Frankfort Cemetery.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES.

Mr. GRAY presented the petition of sundry citizens of the counties of Harlan, Hart, and Grayson, praying for the formation of a new county out of parts of said counties; referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. GAITHER presented the petition of sundry citizens of Adair county, praying the repeal of certain privileges granted the Trustees of the town of Columbia; referred to the committee on the Revised Statutes.

Mr. G. F. LEE presented the remonstrance of sundry citizens of the town of Columbia, against the repeal of said privileges; referred to the committee on the Revised Statutes.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. BEACHAMP—Agriculture and Manufactures—presented a bill to incorporate the Warren county Agricultural and Mechanical Association; passed.

Same a bill to incorporate the Southern Kentucky Fair Ground Association; passed.

Same a bill from the Senate to incorporate the Daviess county Agricultural and Mechanical Association; passed.

Mr. BOWLING—Banks—to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Bank of the State of Kentucky, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of said bill, which was granted.

Same to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Shelbyville Savings Bank, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of said bill, which was granted.

Mr. RUSSELL—Circuit Courts—a bill to change the time of holding the Graves, Livingston and Crittenden Circuit Courts, in the 1st Judicial District; passed.

Same a bill to regulate the fees of witnesses in the Circuit Courts of this Commonwealth.

Mr. HELM offered an amendment to said bill, and the bill and amendment was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Same a bill to increase the length of the term of the Circuit Courts of this Commonwealth.

Mr. HANSON—Federal Relations—presented a resolution from the Senate in relation to the inspection of tobacco, pork, and flour, in New Orleans; passed.

Mr. TEVIS—County Courts—a bill from the Senate to authorize the McCracken County Court to increase the county levy to build a court house and jail; passed.

Same a bill from the Senate to authorize the McCracken County Court to change the Gray's Ferry road; passed.

Same a bill to increase the jurisdiction of the police judge of the town of Monterey, in Owen county; passed.

Mr. WALTON moved to lay the bill upon the table. Lost—yeas 13, nays 14.

Mr. WALTON moved to amend to as to except the counties of Hart, Green and Taylor from the operation of the law.

The bill as amended was then ordered to a third reading; but the Senate refused to discuss with said reading. Passed into the order of the day.

Mr. SILVERTOOTH further reported from the same committee a bill from the House to amend the charter of the city of Lexington; passed.

Also a bill from the House to amend the law regarding the sale of land; passed.

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Congressional.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.

SENATE.—A number of petitions were presented from retired and dismissed officers of the army, complaining of the action of the War Department.

Mr. Bell, of Tennessee, while approving generally the action of the Board, he thought that Lieut. Murry's eminent services should have exempted him from a sentence which he considers a mark of degradation.

Mr. Mallory said that Lieut. Murry had been assigned a position on shore at his own request. Mr. Bell agreed that Lieut. Murry had served nearly ten years at sea and was entitled to consideration accordingly.

Several gentlemen participated in the debate, discussing remedies for the mistake the Board may have committed.

The Senate then adjourned till Thursday.

HOUSE.—Mr. Joyce made an ineffectual motion to rescind the resolution prohibiting debate for a day unless the speaker shall sooner be elected, except by unanimous consent.

Mr. Faulkner offered a resolution that, if no speaker shall be elected by Monday next, the members shall resign, and an adjournment ensue till the 3d Monday in May. The resolution was laid on the table by 36 majority.

Mr. Smoot submitted a resolution that the supporters of Mr. Banks select one candidate from the friends of Mr. Fuller, and one from the friends of Mr. Richardson, that the supporters of Mr. Banks, and one from the friends of Mr. Fuller, that the friends of Mr. Richardson select one from the supporters of Mr. Banks, and one from the members selected shall be considered the only candidates nominated, the lowest on each trial to be dropped until an election is effected. The resolution was laid on the table, and the House then again voted for Speaker with the following result:

Banks, 92; Richardson, 66; Fuller, 31; Pennington, 23; Campbell, of Ohio, 3; scattering, 3; no vote, 18.

Mr. Rusk offered a resolution declaring it as the sense of the House, that Messrs. Banks, Richardson, Fuller, and Pennington, by withdrawing their names, would remove obstacles to an organization.

Mr. Fuller said that he wished to remove one obstacle by leaving. [Cries of "no," "no," "no."] Mr. Pennington remarked that this was the first intimation he had that he stood in the way of an organization, but he did not longer wish to occupy that position. Mr. Rusk then withdrew his resolution. Mr. Whitney submitted a resolution for the election of Speaker, leaving a blank therein to be filled with the name of the person whom a majority may select. After repeated trials it was laid on the table by a vote of 146 to 44.

Mr. Crile offered a resolution declaring Wm. Smith, of Virginia, Speaker, which was rejected; yeas 47, nays 121. Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs. Bowie, Bayne, Brown, Campbell, of Kentucky, Carlisle, Cobb, of Alabama, Cox, Giddens, Dowell, Edwards, Eastis, Evans, Faulkner, Foster, of Kentucky, Giddens, of Maryland, Hildreth, Holliman, Kennedy, Lake, Ludwell, Humphrey, Marshall, A. K. Smith, McMillen, McQueen, Milson, Paine, Knight, Quinn, Roade, Reade, Smith, Saxe, Savage, Smith, of Alabama, Stewart, Swope, Talbot, Taylor, Tripp, Underwood, Walk, Walker, Warner, Watkins, Whitney, Wright, of Tennessee, and Zollhofer. House then adjourned.

Arrival of the Washington.

New York, Jan. 21.

The steamship Washington, from Southampton, arrived at 4 o'clock this afternoon, bringing dates from London to the 5th inst.

The news of no special importance. Consuls at 11 o'clock Saturday were at 577g. The Naples correspondent of the London Times mentions a report that the King of Naples had become favorably disposed towards the Allies.

There was also a rumor that he would send a contingent to the Crimea.

The Paris correspondent of the same paper says that assurances have been given in an official quarter, of the resolution of France to carry on the war in the most vigorous manner, in the event of Russia not according to the proposition of the Allies, and that the Emperor and the English Government are determined not to abate an iota of the terms on which peace would be accepted.

George R. Davidson.

Captain George R. Davidson, of the 1st Cavalry, is one melancholy victim of the death of Captain Davidson, of the 1st Cavalry, who died on Tuesday last, after an illness of about thirty-six hours.

The life of Captain Davidson was one of almost constant activity, and a large portion of it was devoted to military service. Captain D. was born in Franklin, Kentucky, in the year 1827 or '28. He was barely twenty years of age when he entered the army, and was soon distinguished by Col. Humphrey Marshall, as second lieutenant in Captain Milham's company. He was made prisoner at Encarnacion. He with Major Barland differed from the rest of their superior officers in regard to the course of conduct at Encarnacion, and his wishes were followed, there might have been some surrender less in American history.

Encarnacion he was taken with his fellow prisoners to the city of Mexico, at which place, after Gen. Scott's entry, he did good service in the army.

When gold was first discovered in California, in 1848, he was among the first in the great movement which has planted American civilization in the Pacific coast. During his residence in California, he acquired various practical and theoretical knowledge of the country and State governments, and his excellent qualities, both of head and heart, endeared him to a large circle of acquaintances and friends in San Francisco and other parts of the State.

But to amount of civil employment, no number of political life could still in his breast the desire for military employment as a military distinction with the military spirit of the soldier, he sought continually for some field of honorable enterprise, where all the qualities of his full and perfect manhood might be made manifest; and of possessing the skill and spirit requisite for military service, he bent for some scene where all his qualities might find development.

Accordingly, in 1853, when the expedition to Lower California was projected, and active military operations in the northern departments of Mexico, Captain Davidson was among the first and the most active of the expeditionists at Acapulco, and he clearly saw the benefits that would accrue to the inhabitants of Upper Mexico, as well as to the people of the United States, in the case the expedition was successful, and with thoughts full of energy he devoted himself to the enterprise. During the most of the time he was in Lower California, he was in constant of an outpost (La Guadalupe) and exhibited the intelligence and energy the position required.

After the United States government, making use of many powers unknown to the constitution and the laws, had succeeded in preventing the object of the expedition, Captain Davidson returned to San Francisco, where he remained until sailing for Nicaragua in September last.

He arrived in San Juan on the 3d of October, and although seriously unwell at the time, marched with his company into Granada on the morning of the 13th. Sick as he has been during most of the time since his arrival in the country, he has not failed to lay his influence to the aid of his company, and throughout the expedition, and in the last hours of his illness all the energy of his intelligent and dauntless soul was fully manifested.

Although he died not as the soldier loves to die, amid the stir of battle, and with the shout of triumph in his ears; although he sunk under the baneful influence of a mysterious malady, still he met the great conqueror, Death, with unshrinking eyes and unflinching courage. His memory will not soon die, and long after his bones have mingled with their mother earth his companions in arms will remember his many qualities, and write the history of his generous acts.

St. Louis, Jan. 21.—A dispatch from Weston, says that the reported battle in Kansas is greatly exaggerated. Nothing serious happened; no one killed, several were slightly injured.

1856. ASSEMBLY BALLS.

THE ASSEMBLY BALL CLUB for the coming season, at the Ashland Hotel, CAPITAL HOTEL, to take place as follows:

January 23. February 6.
January 29. February 20.

EDWARD H. TAYLOR, President.
VICE PRESIDENTS:
Hon. C. S. Morehead, R. W. Switzer,
A. T. Burley, T. D. Carnall,
A. C. Keenon, T. H. Evans, Treasurer,
R. P. Leitch, R. B. Taylor, Secretary.

FLOOR COMMITTEE:
A. P. Churchill, A. G. Bacon,
R. W. Blackburn, B. D. Grady,
H. K. King, E. D. Hays,
J. J. Hampton, H. C. Graiz,
H. J. Foster, Ed. Mitchell,
Ed. Keenon, H. C. Smith.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENT:
A. McKinley, C. G. Hawkins,
H. L. Todd, C. G. Leonard,
Z. L. Smith, G. W. Harris,
R. H. Crittenden, G. W. Harris.

COMMITTEE OF INVITATION:
H. C. Smith, E. H. Watson,
A. M. Blanton, J. H. Harris,
J. C. Hensley, G. S. Bacon.

Members can obtain their tickets from H. Evans, Treasurer, Dec. 21, 1855.

NOTICE! The information of my customers and the public I beg to inform, in order that persons having accounts with me may be prepared to settle their accounts upon presentation.

TERMS: All running accounts, for which arrangements for credit have been made, are due and payable on the 1st of January, 1st of May, and 1st of September in each year. All charges, whether to credit has been agreed upon, will be considered cash transactions, due and payable upon presentation. Interest charged on accounts not paid at maturity.

For further information, address the Principal, Dec. 21, 1855—2m.

WEST & CO. HAVING employed Mr. T. W. Parsons, long known as one of the very best Calligraphers and Bookbinders in the city, and prepared to furnish anything in the very best style of art, at reasonable prices.

A FINE CANADIAN STALLION FOR SALE. I will sell my fine Canadian Stallion, named "MONTREAL," for sale. He is a very fine horse, and under the saddle a sure foot. He is a very fine horse, and under the saddle a sure foot. He is a very fine horse, and under the saddle a sure foot.

DURHAM CATTLE. For twenty years I have been breeding those valuable Durham Cattle, and have secured a large number of silver premiums have been awarded to my stock at various exhibitions. I have recently bred to John O'Connell, Foster, Grand Master, Ontario, Somerset, and Chilton, all imported bulls, and have produced a full crop of young bulls and heifers of the best blood, color, form and quality. I have several times published, and complete ones will be given to purchasers or other applicants.

FINE HOGS. To my excellent lot of Vulture Brand White Berkshire Sows, I have added a number of the best of the breed, which took premiums in Paris and Louisville at the Fairs in 1854. I have also a fine young sow by a premium Irish boar, out of an imported sow, also four sows and a young boar out of the sow which sold for \$16 at the Fairs in 1854.

"Improved Kentucky Sheep." This is a new breed of sheep, crossing of Backs of all the best imported varieties, originally selected native ewes.

My personal attention will be given to the business, and he is assured of his entire ability to please all who favor him with a call. They can be pleased.

JOHN CLINTON, Jan. 1-3m.

CLINTON'S NEW EATING SALOON! JOHN CLINTON has opened a large and commodious eating saloon, at the corner of St. Clair and Broad streets, formerly occupied by West & Co. for a saloon.

He has been at great pains and expense in renovating and fitting it, and it is now one of the most comfortable and best furnished establishments in the city. He has been at great pains and expense in renovating and fitting it, and it is now one of the most comfortable and best furnished establishments in the city.

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